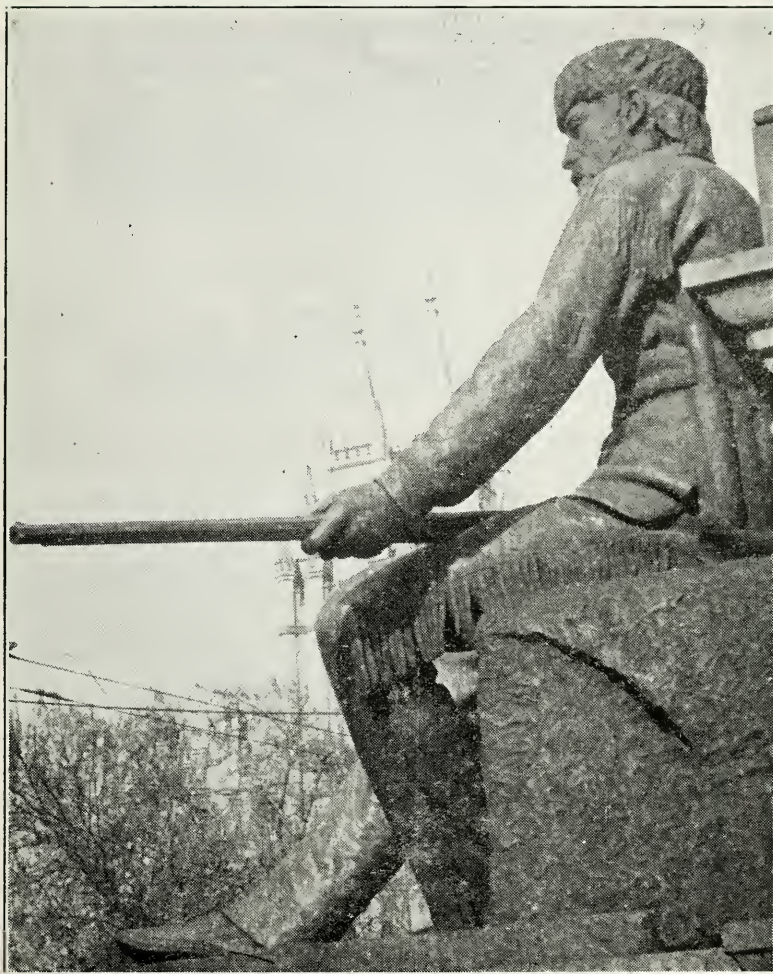
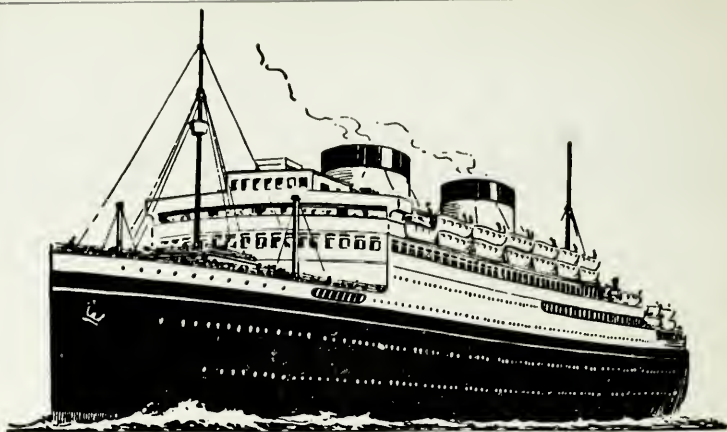


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Because the law worketh wrath: for where no law is, there is no transgression.—Romans 4: 15

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THIS WEEK'S COVER—

TRAPPERS and frontiersmen played an important part in the development of western America. They ventured into an unknown west, observed the peculiarities of various regions and then advised others of the desirability of their setting up homes in the new sections. These westerners were met by Brigham Young and the Pioneers as they made their way westward. They proved most friendly to the group and their instructions regarding routes proved valuable. Honouring them for their friendship with the Pioneers, this figure has a prominent place on the Brigham Young Monument in central Salt Lake City. In the background of the picture the Angel Moroni monument, atop the temple, can be seen.

The Lens Of Time

By PRESIDENT HUGH B. BROWN

“**O** GOD that men could see a little clearer or judge less harshly where they cannot see.”

From the Congressional Record of the United States of America, January 13th, 1939, the following is quoted:—

Mr. Pierce of Oregon. “Mr. Chairman, . . . I have a thought which I want to present to the committee and it has reference to something which is being done in the West to help solve this relief problem. . . . The experience from the West upon which I wish to comment is the unique and admirable record of a church.

“The Mormon Church, or Latter-day Saints, with headquarters at Salt Lake City, Utah, has a membership of about 1,000,000. They are setting an example for the care of their unemployed membership that should be highly praised and given wide publicity.



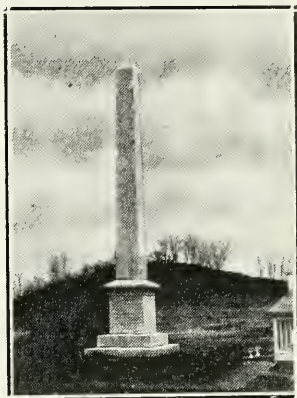
President Brown

“The plan of this Church is to find jobs for their own members and keep them off the relief rolls and W.P.A. The plan should be emulated everywhere. The President of the Church, Heber J. Grant, has several times stated that no good member of the Mormon Church should stay on the W.P.A. rolls, apparently thinking it breaks their morale, their ambition and their desire to do anything for themselves. This organization, through its local bodies or stakes, has held many meetings, seeking

jobs for those on relief or those likely to apply for relief. I have personally attended some of these meetings and have aided the organization as I could, to secure jobs for members. So far as I know this is the only religious organization that is making a really determined effort to meet the problem. The church is succeeding in a marvellous way in fitting its membership into the active affairs of life so that they are not depending upon relief or charity. It has great warehouses, organized industries and projects, and co-operative plans which are effective and stimulating to participants and to observers.

“May other organizations imitate the example of the Mormon Church and make a determined effort that those that come under the influence of their organization will be given jobs, so, in a satisfactory way, they may earn money to care for themselves.”

How seldom are great men appreciated by their contemporaries or great events by the generations in which they occur. The lens of time is adjusted to long vision. We mortals see clearly only when the object is removed far enough for proper focus. How many noted artists, musicians, authors, statesmen, prophets have struggled with adversity, poverty, opposition, persecution and finally died in obscurity, their true worth recognized and appreciated only by later generations? How many little men who loomed large on the horizon of their times are revealed as pygmies in the light of history.



Monument at
Joseph Smith's Birthplace

The Roman rulers in the days of Christ were feared and obeyed, hailed as super men while they lived, but today are remembered only because of the infamous part they played in the great drama of the meridian of time. He whom they consigned to the cross became the central figure of all history. Later Nero occupied the throne while Paul languished in the dungeon. Today we know Nero was a monster and Paul one of the great men of history.

How many of England's worthy sons were reviled, caricatured, misunderstood and defeated in their lifetime, while posterity build monuments to them as the adjusting lens of time gives historical perspective?

Our vision is affected also by preconceived notions and opinions. We pass judgment on men hastily and then attempt to confirm our estimate by disregarding the facts and refusing to admit the truth. It is difficult to see through the fog of prejudice, envy, pride, greed and hatred. Such mist on the glasses through which we look twists and distorts the facts and makes a travesty of truth.



Will men forever continue to stone the living prophets while they build monuments to the dead? Who are the great men of today whose names will live in history? Are they those who are most loud and clamorous, most ruthless in their mad craze for power, or will time reveal true greatness in some whose contem-

porary work we misunderstand and criticize?

For more than a quarter of a century in the State of New York and in adjoining states the Latter-day Saints suffered

a series of persecutions which culminated in their expulsion. Joseph Smith, the prophet, the most persecuted man of his generation, was reviled, driven, beaten, incarcerated, falsely accused, and finally murdered by little men whose names have long since been forgotten. Today certain counties in the State of New York which would not tolerate him while he lived, are asking for permission to remember him at the great World Fair. Time is revealing him for what he was. A granite-shaft monument pierces the sky over his birthplace today.

The Church, persecuted and driven, forced into the barren desert, its property confiscated, its leaders imprisoned; the Church the object of attack by prejudiced writers who dipped their pens in the vitriol of hate and produced a whole library of volumes in their attempt to prove it to be a fraud, has outlived its enemies, has through this hundred years continued its onward march and today is being heralded as one of the really vital forces in our contemporary life.

Once again impartial time reveals true worth and nominates for the halls of fame the martyrs and the outcasts of yesterday.

MANCHESTER DISTRICT CONFERENCE HELD

MORE than 400 people, of whom approximately 225 were non-members, gathered in Rochdale Town Hall to attend the evening session of Manchester District conference, Sunday, March 12th. Speakers at the well-attended service were President Hugh B. Brown, Supervising Elder M. Warner Murphy and Elder S. Bruce Hanks. Elder Clifford W. Bagley, district president, conducted the meeting.

Afternoon session speakers were Elders Aldon J. Anderson, Miles W. Romney, Daniel Garn Heaton and Clifford W. Bagley, and Sisters Aloa Dixon and Marie Waldram, lady missionaries. Elder Murphy con-

ducted the meeting, which was also held in the Town Hall.

Speakers at the morning session, held in Rochdale Branch Chapel, were President Brown, Sister Zina Card Brown, and Elders Clarence H. Beckstrom, Lee L. Prodsham, Harold L. Allen, Owen L. Brough, Morris L. Mickelson, Max W. McKeon and D. Maxwell Butler, and Sister Marianne Wiscomb, lady missionary. The meeting was conducted by Elder Bagley.

A special musical selection by the Rochdale Branch Chorus, conducted by Brother Richard Melling, was rendered during the afternoon session. The Millennial Chorus provided group numbers at all sessions.

LEEDS DISTRICT CONFERENCE SCHEDULED

SESSIONS of Leeds District Conference will be held in the Bradford Branch Chapel, on Woodlands Street, off City Road, at 11.00 a.m. and 2.30 and 6.30 p.m. on Sunday, March 19th. President Hugh B. Brown and other mission authorities will be in attendance.

The Need Of Inspiration

By ELDER JOHN E. GILLESPIE, JR.

(Member of the Millennial Chorus)

NICCONI, a shepherd boy, was drawing pictures of his father's sheep on a slate when Contello, the great artist of the time, happened to be passing by. Immediately struck by the boy's talent, Contello took the lad to Florence as his understudy. It was not long until Nicconi proved himself with his remarkable draftsmanship. He soon became even more famous than the amazed Contello. It was at this time while he was yet a young man that he established a school, an art movement. He was a patient teacher who gave his many followers the full benefit of his inherent genius. The Nicconi school grew and prospered. Nicconi was the art master of the age.

The students of Nicconi were shocked one day to hear that he had suddenly made up his mind to leave the city, giving no reason for such a decision. Leaving his bewildered friends he departed from Florence and no trace of his destination could

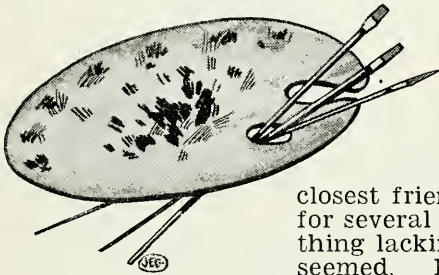
be found. He had left a wonderful collection of works; examples of his teaching were imbued deeply in his students, and it was thought that his school could continue without him. After organization by Nicconi's

closest friends the school did continue for several years. But there was something lacking. Inspiration was gone it seemed. New and more sensational work, distorting the beautiful simplic-

ity of Nicconi, momentarily held the limelight. It was not long until all semblance of the school the master artist created had disappeared. Many tried, during the years to follow, to revive the school of Nicconi, but it appeared that his influence was forever gone.

Many years later the students of art history were astounded to find modern works being exhibited that possessed that subtle touch of Nicconi, the master. The exhibition was traced to another land. It was found that a young man calling himself Gregory was the author of these compositions. He was painting with that same inspiration so characteristic of Nicconi and his school. Historians and learned teachers flocked to the boy to see with their own eyes his work. "How," they asked, "is he able to do it?"

Young Gregory could offer no help of solution except that, of all the artists he had ever heard, Nicconi was his ideal. This could be no answer to the problem. Merely having the man for an ideal could not justify this genius displayed by the



boy. Gregory had been taught all he knew by his father. And in turn his father had been taught by his father. It appeared that this genius had been in the family for many generations but not until now through the works of the boy had it been brought forward into the light of the world. Surely Gregory's ancestors had not known Nicconi of old.

But wait, could it have been possible that it was to this far away land that he had gone when he left his beloved city of Florence? Strong evidence for such an assumption was the work of Gregory himself. It could not be doubted that his compositions, his application, did contain the same vitality, that same master stroke of Nicconi! And moreover he had new followers every day. The inspiration of old Nicconi was found to be radiating among Gregory's students. The art of the shepherd boy of long ago was again established and prospering.

The greatest Master the world has ever known taught nearly two thousand years ago. He, too, established a school. His school also had a great following. Peace and love were the reward of all who came under His influence. With His devoted disciples He organized a mighty school that taught men the way to salvation. He became known as the Saviour of mankind. This Master left also. After He had hung on the cross in the agonies of crucifixion until He was dead, Jesus Christ, the supreme Master, arose from the tomb in which He had been placed, and left in a glorious ascension to the Kingdom of His Father.

After Christ had been crucified, His bewildered friends upheld the doctrine He had given and continued to teach His followers in the truth. But soon unrest and corruption crept into the school. The adherents to the Saviour were driven out, imprisoned, and even murdered. As the years passed, men set themselves up as leaders. New schools, sensational and wicked, were started, flourishing momentarily and then dying. It is true that many attempted return to the simplicity of the old school but there was not the necessary inspiration and guidance. They brought reformation but never restoration.

Many centuries later a young man by the name of Joseph Smith in a far-off land organized a school. Many came to be told of the wondrous teachings so remarkably like those of the Saviour, complete and clear. Many came to hear from him of a miraculous visitation of Jesus and His Heavenly Father.

The world in general looked on with amusement and ridiculed the presumptuous teacher. Here was a young man professing to have talked with the Father and the Son and to have received instruction from them to re-establish the Church of Jesus Christ on earth. Who would be so vain as to believe that God would speak to anyone in this day and age?

Strangely enough that Church, which was established through Joseph Smith, exists today and is teaching doctrine recognized by thousands, a hundred years after its inception, as the most far-reaching and practical theology in existence and the exact faith taught by the Saviour.

What Authorities Say Of Liquor And Tobacco

Compiled by ELDER MARVIN J. ASHTON

(With acknowledgments to the Temperance Council of Christian Churches)

THE liquor traffic is the only industry whose prosperity must be measured in terms of national thriftlessness and national degradation."—Lord Buckmaster

ALCOHOL is a swell drink—it swells the head, and it swells the death rate."—The Spotlight, Minneapolis, U.S.A.

TOM MIX, world-famous cowboy of the films, states that he keeps fit by spending most of his time out of doors, by getting plenty of sleep and refraining from strong drink. Another thing he won't permit himself is to play a part in which he is supposed to drink or smoke. He calls it "keeping faith" with the young boys who have been his admirers for more than a quarter of a century.

—"The Raleigh State News," U.S.A.

A LONG experience convinces me of the ever present risk in drinking, and the wisdom of total abstinence."

—Sir J. Charles Clegg, J.P.

I HAVE maintained my endurance because I have never touched liquor or tobacco."—Ab Jenkins, holder of more endurance records than any other car driver in the world.

DRINK has been more destructive than war, pestilence and famine combined."—William Gladstone

WE all know there are many causes, acting together and in co-operation, in producing broken home life, poverty, bad economic conditions, unemployment, bad temper and unfaithfulness, but only too often drink enters as a co-operating factor."—Late Lord Brentford

THE ideal drink for the person who drives a car is obviously water."—Sir Arbuthnot Lane, Bt.

DR. F. NANSEN, the great Norwegian explorer, honoured in every country in the world, not only for his great work in the Arctic, but for his still greater work in helping people distressed in consequence of the war, says: "My experience leads me to take a decided stand against the use of stimulants and narcotics of all kinds." He refused to take with him on one of his Arctic journeys a case of whisky that had been sent him as a present.

THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 1939

EDITORIAL

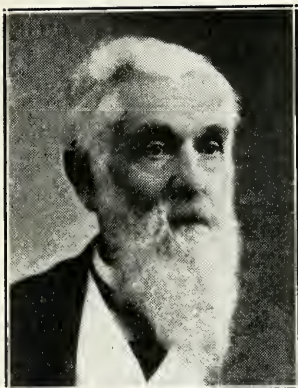
My Acquaintance With President Snow

PRESIDENT LORENZO SNOW was born in the city of Mantua, Portage County, Ohio, on April 3rd, 1814, and lived to be 87 years of age. He was the brother of our distinguished Latter-day Saint poetess, Eliza R. Snow. I was acquainted with President Snow for 30 years and knew him intimately during the last 15 years of his life.

I have heard him relate very interesting accounts of his life's experiences. One of them was a story of how, in answer to his prayers soon after his baptism, he felt coming into his very being, from the crown of his head to the soles of his feet, a flood of light and pure intelligence which was the influence and power of the Holy Ghost, and by which his belief, that Joseph Smith was verily a Prophet of the Living God, was swallowed up in knowledge.

His First Mission To England

IN speaking of the contrast between the humble and obedient saints, and the others, he told of the time when he was called on his first mission to England in the days of Nauvoo. He called on the wives of two of the brethren who were already on missions in Great Britain, and asked them what word he should take from them to their missionary husbands. These wives were both living in poverty and suffering sickness in their families. One of them said to Brother Snow, "You tell my husband that he ought to be home taking care of his family," and made other complaining remarks. The other woman said, "Brother Snow, give him my love and tell him we remember him always in our prayers, and I am confident that he will fill a good, honourable mission. While I have poverty and sickness to contend with, I would not have him come home for the world until he has fulfilled his mission and received an honourable release." One was like Laman and Lemuel, the other like Nephi, who never grumbled.



President Snow

I was acquainted with both of these women, in my early boyhood days, and it is interesting to note, yet sorrowful, that the complaining wife practically apostatized, and led most of her children to unbelief and scepticism, while the other woman led every one of her children to be faithful Latter-day Saints. One of her boys became an apostle of the Lord, another one the president of a stake, and all lived and died faithful to the Church.

A Revealed Truth

PRESIDENT Snow told me, as he did also to others at public speeches, that when he was on the aforesaid mission, the Lord revealed to him the principle that "As man is now God once was, and as God is now man may become." He said nothing about this to anyone until he returned home, and told the Prophet of his manifestation. He was much elated when the Prophet told him that it was a true doctrine. President Snow was very careful not to teach anything as a doctrine until it was first announced by the Prophet of God.

The Lord's Financial Plan

WHEN President Snow became head of the Church, the organization was heavily in debt. I was on a missionary tour with Brother McMurrin at the time President Snow and his party came to Southern Utah visiting the settlements of the saints. Brother McMurrin and I came to St. George to the meeting at which President Snow announced in the St. George Tabernacle, that he had it manifested to him that the Law of Tithing was the Lord's financial plan, and that if the saints would repent of their deficiency in the payment of tithes and pay a full, honest amount, the Church would soon be entirely out of debt. The spirit of obedience actuated the saints throughout the Church and the immense debt was liquidated in a short time. This grand movement was one of the most distinguishing features of the administration of President Lorenzo Snow.

A Lovable And Sociable Man

ONCE I went to Malad from Preston, in Idaho, to bring President Snow in my buggy to help us decide where to build a Stake Academy. We took his advice and built it in Preston. From Malad to Preston is about 30 miles, and I was all alone with President Snow during that ride. He was, as always, lovable and sociable, and related to me important things connected with the history of the Church in Kirtland and Nauvoo, and answered my questions on history and doctrine.

I shall ever hold in loving remembrance the name and works of President Lorenzo Snow.—MATHIAS F. COWLEY

POETRY

SPRING

By YVONNE SKELCHER
(London District)

Once again the seasons
Have staged their pageants four,
And Spring has chased cold Winter
To wait his turn once more.

Bravely, little green spears
Are battling their way
Up and through the still-cold earth,
Into the light of day.

Tiny crocuses arrayed
In mauve and yellow gowns,
Are gaily striving to outshine
The jonquil's golden crowns.

The snowdrop's back bent slightly,
Her portly frame belies,
And tells us that she scarce has wiped
The sleep out of her eyes.

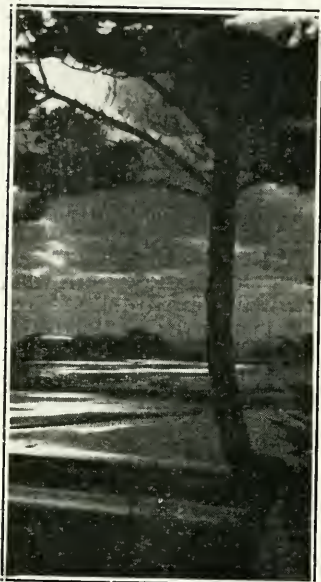
From tall tulip and primrose,
From bird and budding tree,
Comes Nature's testimony
Of Immortality.

So may our souls awaken
From doubt and pleasures vain,
Into the spring of truth and faith;
And thus be—"born again."

THE SET OF THE SAILS

One ship goes East,
One ship goes West,
By the self-same wind that blows.
It's the set of the sails,
And not the gales,
That determines the way it goes.

—Author Unknown



TO MY MISSIONARY SON

Mrs. WILLIAM PARKINSON

When the evening's shades are falling,
At the close of the day;
And I'm just sitting around
A passing the time away,
There's a thought that comes to cheer me
If I'm feeling sort of blue,
Sort of a little prayer of gratitude
For having a son like you.

So I'm sending you this message
Just because I want to say,
That I'm glad the fates arranged it
So that you should come my way.
Just to get a letter from you
Makes my sky a shade more blue,
And I'm just a lot more happy
Since I have a son like you.



Gospel Queries

With ELDER DAVID S. KING

NOTE: All questions should be briefly stated and mailed to
Gospel Queries, 5 Gordon Square, London, W.C.1.

Q: How much are your missionaries paid for their work in Great Britain?

A: None of the missionaries of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints are paid any money by the Church. Through money that they have saved themselves, or through the help of their family or other relatives or friends, they maintain themselves in their missionary labours. For as long as the Church asks them to stay—in Britain the usual period is two years—they devote themselves entirely to missionary work. When "called" by the Church they leave their work, or their school, or whatever else they may be doing and willingly give their service to preach the Gospel of Christ. When "released" from this work they go home and re-enter, if possible, into whatever they were doing before. This system of unpaid missionary work is consistent with other work done in the Church. None of the officers, such as elders, priests, bishops, deacons, etc., receive any pay for their services.

Q: Did the Saviour teach that baptism was to be performed by immersion and that only?

A: Definitely. The English word "baptize" is an anglocized version of the Greek word "baptizo." The Standard Greek Lexicon defines this word as follows: "To dip repeatedly, to immerse, to submerge, to cleanse by dipping." In the New Testament it refers to a rite of sacred ablution, first instituted by John the Baptist, then upheld by the Messiah. It was an immersion in water, performed as a sign of the removal of sin, and administered to those who sought admission into the Messiah's kingdom. The Saviour gave no explanation of the mode of baptism for the reason that no explanation was needed. The word "baptizo" was self-explanatory.

Q: How can the Latter-day Saints believe in a universal Christian apostasy in view of the following scripture? "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, . . . and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." (Matt. 28: 19-20)

A: There is no inconsistency between this statement of the Saviour and the actuality of the apostasy. Just before His ascension Jesus gave His disciples these parting words of admonition. Directing them to go out into the world and preach the gospel to all nations, He added the promise that if they did this, He would be with them to the end of the world. That promise was kept. The apostles did go and preach the gospel to all nations, and the Saviour did accompany them, in spirit, to the very end. Ten of the eleven apostles assembled on the mount when that promise was made, died a martyr's death while fighting for the cause they loved so dearly. But surely this passage cannot be interpreted to mean that the Saviour promised to be with the successors to the apostles regardless of how unworthy they might be. Every blessing given by God to man has at least one condition; he must be worthy to receive it.

Q: Do you teach that the gospel is being preached to the departed spirits?

A: Yes. Christ Himself did the first missionary work among the spirits in paradise, during the three days that His body lay in the tomb. Peter tells us this fact in his epistle. "For Christ also hath suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the spirit; By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison; which sometime were disobedient when once the long suffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is eight souls were saved by water." (I Peter 3: 18-20) For many centuries Christians have interpreted this passage to mean that Christ preached of sin. An examination of the Greek text shows how impossible this interpretation is. Observe the words "preached unto the spirits in prison." The word "spirit" is "pneuma." There is no instance where this word has ever been used in connection with a living person. It always refers to a departed spirit or some unearthly being.

Q: I have heard that Heber J. Grant has been president of the Mormon Church for more than fifty years. Is that correct?

A: No. He was sustained President of the Church on November 23rd, 1918. However, he has been an apostle of the Church for more than 50 years, being ordained to that office on October 16th, 1882.

Q: What does it mean "To be saved"?

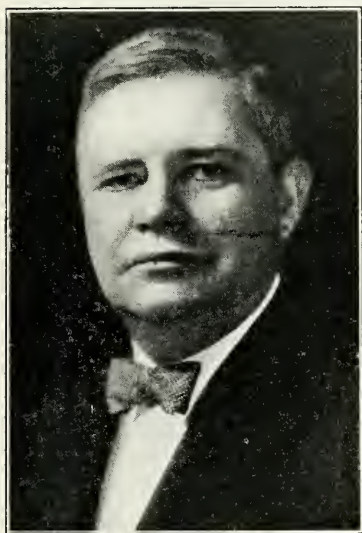
A: This is the most misunderstood term in the Bible. The word "salvation" appears no less than 108 times in the scriptures, while the phrase "to be saved" appears 127 times. Yet, amazing as it seems, nowhere does a specific definition of the term appear. We know that the term involves a reward for the righteous, but beyond that, we are not told of its meaning. Through modern revelation given to the Prophet Joseph Smith, we have been taught that the term "saved" actually includes two thoughts. First, it means to receive eternal life, and to be resurrected with a physical body. Then it also means to receive a degree of exaltation, or a plane of existence, commensurate with our works in the flesh and with our obedience to the laws and ordinances of the gospel. The first part of this salvation will be given to all—black and white, infant and patriarch, sinner and saint. Eternal life is Christ's free gift to mankind. From there on, we must stand on our own merits. If we have accepted the gospel and complied with all its requirements, then we shall enter in "at the strait gate" and receive the highest degree of exaltation. If we have not been as faithful in the fight, and have failed to comply with the requirements of the gospel, we shall receive an exaltation inferior to the highest state, and entirely suitable to our inferior condition. Thus we shall all receive eternal life, through no effort of our own, but our own deeds must carry us from there on.

Q: Your magazine stated recently that you have 150 missionaries in Great Britain. Why don't you keep them in America? Are not they just as much needed there?

A: There are many more missionaries in America than here, because there is more territory to cover. Every state in the United States has missionaries working within its borders. Missionary labour is carried out even among the non-Mormons in Utah, by means of local organizations.

President Clark To Be At Sheffield

WORD has been received at Mission Headquarters that President J. Reuben Clark, Jr., first counsellor in the First Presidency, will in all probability be the representative of the General Authorities at the mission-wide conference at Sheffield this spring.



President Clark

This is welcome news to all the members of the Church in Britain, and especially to those who were at the centennial conference and were privileged to meet with and hear the words of this great leader. He at that time made a deep impression on British saints.

President Clark is a man qualified in every way to be a leader in the Church. He has gained the respect, admiration and love of the saints during his long life of Church service. He has been a member of the first presidency since 1933.

President Clark has gained an international reputation in law and in diplomatic service. He has represented the United States government in foreign countries on many different occasions, and is an authority on international law.

His presence at the 1939 conference is another indication that the Sheffield gathering promises to be the best ever held in Britain. "See you at Sheffield!"

News of the Church in the World

CONCLUDING episode of the 13 recordings of dramatized Church history was broadcast from station KSL in Salt Lake City, recently. The final production of this series dealt with the completion of the Nauvoo Temple despite the hardships, and the resulting introduction of temple work in this dispensation. The drama finished with the saints being driven from their city to begin the difficult pioneering trek westward.

A **NEW** booklet, "My Conversion" written by a recent convert to the

Church, G. W. Curran of Salt Lake City, is proving a valuable aid to missionaries throughout the states. The writer of the booklet was born and raised in the state of New York, heard the Gospel there and was converted to it some three years ago. In the writing he, formerly a mature Roman Catholic, tells of his coming in contact with Mormon missionaries, his acceptance of their teachings and what the Gospel now means to him. "My Conversion" is interestingly written and the reader is forcefully impressed by the writer's sincerity.

Of Current Interest

GRAMMAR has come to bother the administration of Postal Authorities in U.S.A. A new 1½-cent stamp has on it the word "cents," and grammarians maintain that it takes two to make a plural, that an extra fraction does not. The Postmaster General is reported to be investigating the matter.

SAFETY in ocean flights is being given a boost by the British and United States governments with the erection of weather reporting stations at various strategic points. Britain is building several stations on South Pacific Islands, which, with those of the United States on the Pacific coast, and Hawaii and other islands, will complete a network from America's west coast to Australia and New Zealand.

TWENTY British writers, teachers and others interested in United States Government policy will visit that country in April, with Mr. Hubert Howard, son of Lord Howard of Penrith, former British Ambassador in Washington, as their leader. The group will visit various cities and government projects, and will have talks with leading supporters and critics of President Roosevelt's "New Deal" activities.

OIL is such an important part of war supplies that the increasing armaments of the world are taking one barrel out of every 13 being produced. Although some of this "war" oil is being stored, the percentage remains significant. There has also been an increased usage of synthetic motor fuels by some nations, in an attempt to reduce their necessity for importing petroleum.

THOUSANDS of feet up in the air are atmospheric conditions which meteorologists can translate into tomorrow's weather, and to get this information small balloons are sent up regularly, equipped with short wave transmitters to automatically radio their findings back to earth. First used under the di-

rection of Captain Robert Bureau of the French Meteorological Office, most of the pioneer work has been done at Harvard University, U.S.A. From there are sent up at least six balloons every day, one distinct advantage of this method being that it can be used in any type of weather, no matter how hard the wind or heavy the storm.

SMALL enough to hide behind half of a safety match, a model locomotive is being exhibited at Philadelphia, U.S.A. It was carved out of a single piece of aluminium, and has to be seen under a microscope for the completeness of detail to be appreciated.

WHEN the German Lloyd liner Bremen, 51,731 tons, was taken through the Panama canal last month, it had but a 10 inch clearance for the superstructure and four feet room on each side passing the control tower of the Gatun locks. It is the largest boat ever to go through the canal.

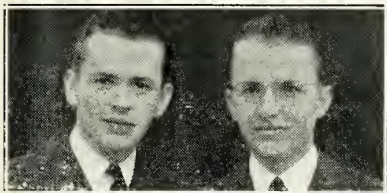
FIFTEEN Portuguese engineers are planning a trip to Britain to study operation methods of telephones so that they might effectively start installation in their country. A contract between Britain and Portugal calls for the delivery to the latter of £650,000 worth of automatic telephones for public exchanges.

HAZEL GROVE, a small English village, has shown Americans the high standard attained by choir singing in this country. Going as the Ladybrook Ladies' Choir, the group sang in various centres in Canada and the United States, and were well-received wherever they appeared.

PRAYER is being offered every day in the United States Senate in compliance with a recent resolution adopted. Previously it had been offered only every legislative day, which often included several ordinary days.

From the Mission Field

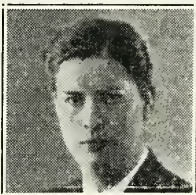
Departing Missionaries—



**Elders William G. and Walter D.
Woffinden**



Elder Brough



Elder Murphy



Elder Larkin



Elder Walker

Elder William G. Woffinden, who has laboured in the Birmingham and Liverpool Districts, in the Millennial Chorus, and in Hull District, where he was supervising elder, was honourably released on Monday, March 13th, and will return to his home in Garland, Utah.

Elder Walter D. Woffinden, who has laboured in Birmingham and Liverpool Districts, and in the Millennial Chorus, where he served as president, was honourably released on Monday, March 13th, and will return to his home in Garland, Utah.

Elder Owen L. Brough, who has

laboured in Irish, Liverpool and Manchester Districts, was honourably released on Monday, March 13th, and will return to his home in Tremonton, Utah.

Elder M. Warner Murphy, who has laboured in Birmingham, London, Nottingham and Manchester Districts, and as supervising elder of the last two, was honourably released on Monday, March 13th, and will return to his home in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Elder Coe R. Larkin, who has laboured in Irish, Liverpool and Leeds Districts, was honourably released on Monday, March 6th, and will return to his home in Snowville, Utah.

Elder George S. Walker, who has laboured in Birmingham, Scottish, South Newcastle and Liverpool Districts, being supervising elder of South Newcastle District, was honourably released on Monday, March 6th, and will return to his home in Pocatello, Idaho.

Appointments—

Elder Mac C. Matheson was appointed supervising elder of Hull District on Wednesday, March 1st.

Elder S. Bruce Hanks was appointed supervising elder of Manchester District on Sunday, March 12th.

Transfers—

Elder S. Bruce Hanks was transferred from London District to Manchester District on Monday, February 27th.

Elder Douglas H. Brammer was transferred from Birmingham District to the British Mission Office on Friday, March 10th.

Elder Blaine H. Alexander was transferred from the British Mission Office to Sheffield District on Friday, March 10th.

Doings in the Districts—

BIRMINGHAM—Baptismal services under the direction of Supervising Elder A. Lucian Lewis, and conducted by Brother George E. Hunter of the district presidency, were held in Handsworth Branch Chapel recently. The following were baptized

and confirmed: Valerie St. John Yates was baptized and confirmed by Brother William St. John Yates; Stanley Hubert Joseph was baptized by Elder Douglas H. Brammer and confirmed by Brother Leslie W. Dunn; Nina May Hirons was baptized by Elder Lewis and confirmed by Elder Gustaf L. Larson; and Bernard Kenneth Green was baptized by Elder Lewis and confirmed by Elder Larson. Short talks were given by Sister Doris Pratt, lady missionary, and Elder William H. Bousfield.

A "Welcome Home" dance in honour of Brother Leslie W. Dunn of Kidderminster Branch, who recently completed a two-year mission in Britain, was given by Birmingham District in the Handsworth Branch Chapel on Saturday, February 25th. Approximately 120 members and friends gathered in the hall, decorated with M.I.A. colours. In addition to the dancing programme, Mr. Allen Jones gave vocal solos, and a gift was presented to the honoured guest. The committee in charge included Sisters Dora Green, Doris Adams and Pat Wilkins; Brothers Melvin Dunn, Denis Collins, Bernard Green and Bertram Stokes, and Elder Douglas H. Brammer. Brother Lorenzo P. Dunn was master of ceremonies, and refreshments were served by the Relief Society members, under the direction of Sisters Florence B. Dunn and Winnifred Makin.

HULL—On Sunday, February 26th, the Primary conference of Hull Branch was held in the branch chapel, with Sister Marion Barrett, Primary supervisor, conducting. Approximately 75 members and friends were in attendance to hear the programme given by the children. Supervising Elder William G. Woffinden gave a short farewell address.

A farewell social for Elder William G. Woffinden was held in Hull Branch Chapel on Thursday, March 2nd. Sister Helen Bryant was in charge of the party, Elder Mac C. Matheson directed the games and the Gleaner Girls served refreshments.

LEEDS—On Thursday, March 2nd, a social was sponsored by the M.I.A. organizations of Leeds Branch, in

aid of Mutual funds. Supper was served, followed by a beetle drive and games. Elder Jesse A. Moench was in charge of the social and conducted the games.

LONDON—Brother William J. Jolliffe, former branch president who held office for many years, and Elder Edgar T. Monk, who has laboured in the branch for the past several months, were honoured with gifts from the branch at an M.I.A. social held at St. Albans Branch Hall on Wednesday, March 1st. Sister Elsie Osborn, Y.W.M.I.A. president, was in charge of the programme, which included the following numbers: a violin solo by Brother Ernest G. Osborn, a camp fire skit by the branch Gleaner Girls, an accordian solo by Brother Osborn, and a play with Mrs. Evelyn Taylor, Mrs. Edith Aldersea, Miss Betty McKeehan and Elders Monk and Rodney W. Tew in the cast. Community singing was led by Elder Aldon J. Anderson, and refreshments concluded the programme. The tokens of esteem were presented to the two honoured guests by Branch President William O. Chipping, who voiced the regret of the branch members at the releases of Brother Jolliffe and Elder Monk.

NOTTINGHAM—A baptismal service was held in the Victoria Baths in Nottingham on Saturday, March 5th. After a talk on baptism by Elder Robert G. Hodson, the following were baptized: John Smith and Mary Stewart were baptized by Elder G. LaMont Richards; Sheila Burrell, Margaret Burrell and Margaret Rose Potts were baptized by Elder Louis C. Larsen; and Edna Rhodes and Thelma Wardle were baptized by Elder Dean E. Smith. A confirmation service in the branch hall followed. Margaret Burrell and Margaret Rose Potts were confirmed by Supervising Elder Orlando S. McBride; John Smith was confirmed by Elder Larsen; Sheila Burrell was confirmed by Elder Hodson; Thelma Wardle and Mary Stewart were confirmed by Elder Byron A. Howard; and Edna Rhodes was confirmed by Elder Smith. Elders Howard, Richards and McBride delivered short talks at this meeting.



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